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pose is to give the traveller all essential information concerning the journey by North European steamers to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and their principal cities. The book fits the pocket. Forty-one ports and cities are well described from the point of view of the tourist's needs. The half-tone pictures are a helpful addition to the text.

**Svenska Tourist-Föreningens Arsskrift för år 1907.** viii and 446 pp. Illustrations and Maps. Wahlström & Widstrand, Stockholm, 1907.

The Yearbook of the Swedish Touring Club, as usual, abounds with numerous handsome photographs, showing many of the aspects of Sweden, both in summer and winter, and accompanied by entertaining letterpress. Both reading matter and illustrations are the work of members of the club.

**Early Settlement and Growth of Western Iowa, or Reminiscences.** By the Rev. John Todd. 203 pp. Portrait and Index. The Historical Department of Iowa, Des Moines, 1906. (Price, \$1.25.)

Mr. Todd went to Iowa in 1848 and helped to found the town of Tabor in the southwest corner of the present State, about thirty-three miles from Omaha. His book is a narrative of the trials, hardships, and triumphs of those sturdy pioneers who helped to lay the foundation of Iowa's greatness. The settlers saw great possibilities, but everything had to be done. Hardship and privation were matters of course, and frugality, courage, endurance, and resourcefulness were the essentials of ultimate success. In Mr. Todd's little colony, hulled corn was long the main diet, wheat bread was a rare article, houses were sometimes built without shingles, boards, or nails, lumber was hard to get, and the first winter was full of suffering, due to the delay of the promised saw mill. The author's reminiscences carry the story of development through those early times, and he lived to see a flourishing college at Tabor and the large and prosperous population of Iowa in full enjoyment of all the blessings of civilization. As Tabor was not far from the Kansas border, the community was deeply involved in the Kansas troubles of 1856, when slaveholders opposed with arms the advent of Abolitionist settlers. An underground railroad had its southern terminus at Tabor, and many an escaped slave was piloted northward to Canada. A chapter is given to the Indians of Iowa. The book describes a very important and stirring era in the history of the State, and is a record worth preserving.

**Life by the Seashore. An Introduction to Natural History.** By Marion Newbigin. vii and 344 pp., 93 Figures, Bibliography, and Index. Swan Sonnenschein & Co., Ltd., London, 1907.

An invaluable book for summer visitors to the seashore. Life is extraordinarily abundant along the water side. The purpose of the book is to enable those who have no special zoological training to learn the names and nature of the common inhabitants of the shore. In the introductory chapter, the author describes the conditions of shore life, the food supply, and the peculiarities of shore animals. Following this sketch are fifteen chapters giving hints as to methods of observation, and descriptions of the various animals sufficiently detailed to enable the reader to identify actual specimens. The book is scientifically accurate, is simply written, and may be comprehended by any intelligent person. Miss Newbigin's text is greatly helped by numerous drawings from life by her sister. It is a fascinating book for those of the general public who have a liking for nature study.